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TO : Chief, Management Branch, A&M : DATE: 8 November 1948
FROM : Assistant General Counsel
SUBJECT: Proposed Administrative Instruction Concerning Liaison
OGC HAS REVIEWED.

1. As a result of the recent meeting held to discuss a proposed directive concerning liaison, it was requested that all officers concerned submit written comments. This office will not make comments in detail on matters of wording, since we feel that this is better left for discussion.

2. There is one major point we wish to make. Paragraph 9. of the proposed Instruction excepts various offices from clearing liaison contacts. It is known that these excepted offices have established contacts with various Government agencies. In some instances, these contacts are the only authorized CIA contacts with the Government agency concerned. Therefore, consideration should be given to a procedure which would safeguard these contacts from additional contacts emanating from CIA. In several cases, the contacts already established deal with highly classified matters, and a great deal of trust is reposed by both parties. Therefore, every effort should be made to prevent additional persons from CIA contacting those agencies, without prior coordination and clearance.

3. Upon request, this office will be pleased to discuss various aspects of the above.

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